

April 2009

Dear Diablo Vista Water User,

This year marks the third consecutive year of below average rainfall in California; consequently Diablo Vista Water System (DVWS) is being called upon to conserve water. DVWS was in attendance at the Contra Costa Water District (CCWD) Board meeting on April 1st, 2009 where public comment was solicited for the Drought Management Ordinance. DVWS, as an irrigation district, presented several concerns with the Drought Management Ordinance, which the CCWD Board took under advisement.

The DVWS District has been notified by CCWD that it must achieve a reduction in usage of 45% compared to historical consumption (average of 2005, 2006 and 2007 calendar years) under the approved Drought Management Ordinance. This Ordinance takes effect on May 1st, 2009. Water consumption in excess of the conservation savings goal will be subject to an excess charge equal to four times the quantity charge.

The DVWS Board held a public Board meeting on April 9th, 2009 to review a list of options for establishing a rationing program which will begin on May 1st. The decision by the Board was to establish three watering and monitoring programs as follows:

- **Program #1 (3 watering days/week):**
Everyone: Fri. 6pm - Sun. 6pm
Everyone: Wed. 7pm - Thurs. 7am
- **Program #2 (2 watering days/week):**
Odd # houses: Sat. (8pm Fri. – 8pm Sat.)
Even # houses: Sun. (8pm Sat. – 8pm Sun.)
Everyone: Wed. (7pm Wed. – 8am Thurs.)
- **Program #3 (System inactive):**
Water allocation exceeded. System is off.

Beginning May 1st, **Program #1** will be in effect. The DVWS Board will review water consumption on a weekly basis and implement the appropriate water program to stay within our allocation. Customers should check on the water rationing program in effect each week by calling the DVWS District phone number (925)938-9510. There will be a pre-recorded message stating the program in effect for the week.

CCWD has set up a workshop on its Drought Management Program that you are encouraged to attend. The workshop will explain the requirements of the Drought Program that becomes effective on May 1st. The workshop details are as follow:

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Location: Contra Costa Water District Board Room

Address: 1331 Concord Ave, Concord

Time: April 20th, 2009, 7:30-8:30pm

Who: Every DVWS user is encouraged to attend

The Drought Management Program will be monitored by both CCWD and DVWS personnel for user compliance. Per the CCWD Program Ordinance, if a customer is wasting District-furnished water by failing to repair a leak in the customer's water system, by permitting water to run off the customer's premises, by not following the water rationing program in effect at that time or by failing to put water received from the District to reasonable and beneficial use, the District will issue a written warning to the customer to stop waste. If the customer fails to take prompt, reasonable action to stop the wasteful use, the District may, at its discretion, suspend delivery of water to the customer until the District determines that there will be no further wasteful use of water by the customer.

The DVWS Board is confident that everyone will do their part to follow the drought management watering program. We ask that everyone help with the monitoring task. Be good neighbors and let each other know if you see water running down the street or other obvious water conservation issues. Together we can make this work.

Sincerely,

DVWS Advisory Board